car has been provided by the Railways in the train which leaves from Pathankot to Kangra Valley and Joginderanagar; and

(c) if so, by when Government would provide these facilities in these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. One First Class coach has been provided in 1 PBJ/4 PBJ Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Passenger train. There is no proposal to run First Class coaches on other narrow guage trains in the section. All the trains running on Pathankot-Joginder Nagar section have been provided 2nd class sitting accommodation but the seating arrangement is not chair car type and there is no proposal for provision of the same in the trains running on the section.

Additional bogie in Bilaspur-Amritsar train

†2397. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to attach a bogie with the trains running between Bilaspur to Amritsar from Bilaspur itself for making journey to Haridwar keeping in view the demand of the people;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. However, 8477/8478 Puri-Haridwar Express is directly available for Bilaspur-Haridwar passengers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints.

Passenger amenities

2398. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what the strategy available against the present constraints of funds for planned investment; and

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(b) what are the special efforts undertaken to meet the passengers amenities despite lack of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The strategy available to overcome the constraints of funds is to increase the internal generation besides augmenting extra-budgetary resources through alternate financing routes including public-partnership and joint ventures.

(b) the plan head 'Passenger and Other Railways Users' Amenities' has not suffered for lack of funds as could be seen from the year to year steady growth in budgetary provision:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Revised/Budget Estimates
2002-03	200.14
2003-04	216.32
2004-05	221.67
2005-06	273.66
2006-07	353.20

In addition, improvement in passenger amenities are also carried out as a part of doubling, traffic facilities, gauge covnersion and Computerisation planheads. The Railways are also working on the option of improving passenger amenities in major metro cities and big cities through public-private partnership.

Doubling of Delhi-Muzaffarnagar rail line

†2399. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme for doubling of Delhi-Muzaffarnagar railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said project is likely to be started?

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